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In re Patent Application of:
Howard E. Rhodes

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For: MULTI-TRENCH REGION FOR
ACCUMULATION OF PHOTO-
GENERATED CHARGE IN A CMOS
IMAGER

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.
patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, after the title, please insert -- This application is a divisional of application
Ser. No. 09/650,432, filed on August 28, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by
reference. --

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-89.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


The specification has been amended to include a reference to prior application Ser. No. 09/650,432, filed on August 28, 2000, as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2).

Claims 1-89 have been canceled. The pending application now contains claims 90-116.

Allowance of the application is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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